

and infant formula) (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 478); **Pages H5561, H5568**

Nadler amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to exempt from the bill's congressional approval requirement any rule pertaining to nuclear reactor safety standards in order to prevent nuclear meltdowns like the one in Fukushima (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 479); and **Pages H5561–63, H5568–69**

Pocan amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–230) that sought to exempt the Department of Veterans Affairs from the requirements of this legislation, in regards to rulemaking for the availability of affordable medication and effective healthcare management for veterans (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 480).

**Pages H5563–64, H5569–70**

H. Res. 380, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 427) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 167 noes, Roll No. 471, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 470.

**Pages H5543–44**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 4:55 p.m. **Page H5564**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 27th:

***Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015:*** H.R. 675, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 472. **Page H5545**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, to improve the processing of claims by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5545**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 387, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H5572**

**Official Objectors for the Private Calendar for the 114th Congress:** On behalf of the Majority and Minority leadership, the Chair announced the following official objectors for the Private Calendar for the 114th Congress: Representatives Goodlatte, Sen-

senbrenner, and Gowdy for the Majority and Representatives Serrano, Nadler, and Bass for the Minority. **Page H5572**

**Commission on Care—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she appointed Mr. Michael Blecker of San Francisco, California to the Commission on Care. **Page H5574**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5543–44, H5544–45, H5545, H5564–65, H5565–66, H5566, H5566–67, H5567–68, H5568, H5568–69, H5569–70, H5571, and H5571–72. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FIRST PRINCIPLES OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “First Principles of Congressional Budgeting”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### REVIEWING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Mathews Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

### CONTINUING CONCERNS WITH THE FEDERAL SELECT AGENT PROGRAM: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SHIPMENTS OF LIVE ANTHRAX

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Continuing Concerns with the Federal Select Agent Program: Department of Defense Shipments of Live Anthrax”. Testimony was heard from D. Christian Hassell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; Dan Sosin, Deputy Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Gregory Demske, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Marcia Crosse, Director, Healthcare, Government Accountability Office.

**CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Continued Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”. Testimony was heard from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Ajit Pai, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

**THE DODD-FRANK ACT FIVE YEARS LATER: ARE WE MORE PROSPEROUS?**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Dodd-Frank Act Five Years Later: Are We More Prosperous?”. Testimony was heard from former Senator Phil Gramm; former Member R. Bradley Miller; and a public witness.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 766, the “Financial Institution Customer Protection Act of 2015”; H.R. 1210, the “Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act”; H.R. 1317, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes; H.R. 1553, the “Small Bank Exam Cycle Reform Act of 2015”; H.R. 1737, the “Reforming CFPB Indirect Auto Financing Guidance Act”; H.R. 1839, the “Reforming Access for Investments in Startup Enterprises Act of 2015”; H.R. 1941, the “Financial Institutions Examination Fairness and Reform Act”; H.R. 2091, the “Child Support Assistance Act of 2015”; H.R. 2243, the “Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2015”; H.R. 2643, the “State Licensing Efficiency Act of 2015”; H.R. 2912, the “Centennial Monetary Commission Act of 2015”; H.R. 3032, the “Securities and Exchange Commission Reporting Modernization Act”; H.R. 3189, the “Fed Oversight Reform and Modernization Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3192, the “Homebuyers Assistance Act”.

**IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT: THE ADMINISTRATION’S CASE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Iran Nuclear Agreement: The Administration’s Case”. Testimony was heard from John Kerry, Secretary of State, Department of State; Jacob Lew, Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury; and Ernest Moniz, Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy.

**THE IRAN-NORTH KOREA STRATEGIC ALLIANCE**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; Subcommittee

on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint hearing entitled “The Iran-North Korea Strategic Alliance”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PROMOTING AND INCENTIVIZING CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a hearing entitled “Promoting and Incentivizing Cybersecurity Best Practices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AMERICA’S GROWING HEROIN EPIDEMIC**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations held a hearing entitled “America’s Growing Heroin Epidemic”. Testimony was heard from Michael Botticelli, Director, White House Office of National Drug Policy Center; John (Jack) Riley, Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Association; Nancy G. Parr, Commonwealth Attorney, City of Chesapeake, Virginia; and Angela R. Pacheco, First Judicial District Attorney, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**ACCOUNTABILITY, POLICIES, AND TACTICS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND FOREST SERVICE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Accountability, Policies, and Tactics of Law Enforcement within the Department of Interior and Forest Service”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Federal Implementation of the Coastal Zone Management Act”. Testimony was heard from Holly A. Bamford, Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

**IMPACT OF THE BOYCOTT, DIVESTMENT, AND SANCTIONS MOVEMENT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Impact of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## VA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2015; SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND VETERANS HEALTH CARE CHOICE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2015

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1994, the “VA Accountability Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3236, the “Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1994. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a closed rule for H.R. 3236. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, and Veterans’ Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of Florida, Chairman Shuster, Representatives Takano, Brown of Florida, Heck of Washington, Fincher.

## EXPLORATION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM: FROM MERCURY TO PLUTO AND BEYOND

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Exploration of the Solar System: From Mercury to Pluto and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from John Grunsfeld, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Robert Pappalardo, Study Scientist, Europa Mission Con-

cept, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “A Hearing on the Federal Radionavigation Plan, H.R. 1684, the Foreign Spill Protection Act, and H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, the National Icebreaker Fund Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Gary C. Rasicot, Director of Marine Transportation Systems, U.S. Coast Guard; Mary E. Landry, Director of Incident Management and Preparedness, U.S. Coast Guard; Karen Van Dyke, Director of Positioning, Navigation and Timing and Spectrum Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

## RURAL HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES CREATED BY MEDICARE REGULATIONS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to discuss rural health care disparities created by Medicare regulations. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## IRAN

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing on Iran. This was a closed hearing.

## Joint Meetings

### DYNAMIC SCORING

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine dynamic scoring, focusing on how it will affect fiscal policymaking, after receiving testimony from former Senator Phil Gramm; John L. Buckley, former Chief of Staff to the Joint Committee on Taxation, and Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and John W. Diamond, Rice University Baker Institute for Public Policy, Houston, Texas.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the impacts of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on United States interests and the military balance in the Middle East, 9:45 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine best practices at public and private shipyards, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.